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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, VS
SUBJ: CATHOLIC BISHOPS TO REMAIN AT POSTS

REF: A. SAIGON 3444, B. SAIGON 3143

1. SAIGON ARCHBISHOP NGUYEN VAN BINH TOLD US MARCH 25 THAT VIETNAMESE BISHOPS WOULD NOT EVACUATE THEIR SEES BUT WILL REMAIN BEHIND EVEN IF SEES FALL INTO COMMUNIST HANDS. PRIESTS AND FAITHFUL CAN FLEE, SAID ARCHBISHOP, BUT BISHOPS MUST STAY. BINH SAID THIS HAS ALREADY OCCURRED IN CASE OF KONTUM, WHERE BISHOP SEITZ (SOLE NON-VIETNAMESE BISHOP IN VIETNAM) VOLUNTARILY REMAINED BEHIND WHEN KONTUM WAS ABANDONE. HUE ARCHBISHOP NGUYEN KIM IEN HAS ALSO SAID HE INTENDS TO REMAIN IN HUE NO MATTER WHAT (REF A).

2. ARCHBISHOP BINH SAID IN SAME CONVERSATION HE STILL HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF FATE OF TWO BISHOPS CAUGHT IN BAN ME THUOT (REF B). THERE ARE RUMORS, HE SAID, THAT BAN ME THUOT BISHOP NGUYEN HUY MAI WAS KILLED IN FIGHTING, BUT NO ONE TO BINH'S KNOWLEDGE

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ACTUALLY WITNESSED MAI'S DEATH.

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